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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on April 27, 2004, the period of response to which is set to expire on October 27, 2004, with no payment of the appropriate government extension fee being required in that the Office Action of April 27, 2004 did not set a shortened statutory period for response, based on a telephone conference with the Examiner. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:



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**Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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COVER LETTER

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[x] The fee for submission of claims is calculated as shown below:

FOR	TOTAL WITH NEW CLAIMS ADDED	TOTAL CURRENTLY ON FILE	CLAIMS PAID	RATE	CALCULATION
Total Claims	28	28	(Over 20)	x \$18	0
Independent Claims	1	1	(Over 3)	x \$86	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S)				+ \$290	0
REDUCTION FOR FILING BY SMALL ENTITY (note 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28). IF APPLICABLE, VERIFIED STATEMENT MUST BE ATTACHED					
			TOTAL		0

In addition, the below-identified communications are submitted in the above-captioned application or proceeding:

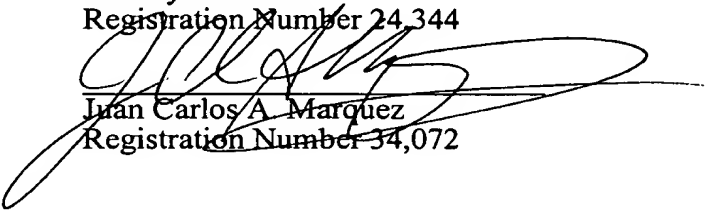
[x] Response/Amendment
(with claim amendments)
[] Substitute Specification
[] Preliminary Amendment
[] Other _____

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[] Information Disclosure Statement
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- [] Please charge my **Deposit Account Number** _____ in the amount of _____ to cover the fees for _____. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.
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- [x] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account Number 08-1480**.

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